Washington, DC – Tuesday, Congressman Harry Teague announced two additions to his congressional staff. Chris Chaisson, a former Sergeant in the U.S. Army, is a Fellow in the Wounded Warriors program and has been assigned to the Congressman's Roswell office. Nathan Howard, a Major in the U.S. Air Force, is a Department of Defense Legislative Fellow assigned to Teague's office in Washington, DC.

"I am proud to welcome both Sergeant Chaisson and Major Howard to our staff," said Congressman Harry Teague "Their personal experiences and expertise will help us better serve the thousands of veterans, retired military and active service members and families across the second congressional district."



Chris Chaisson is part of the U.S. House of Representatives Wounded Warrior Program. He was injured during a tour of duty as an Infantry Team Leader in Iraq. The Wounded Warrior Program was established to create fellowships that provide employment opportunities for wounded or disabled veterans within the U.S. House of Representatives. Chris will be based out of Congressman Teague's Roswell office and his primary focus will be to serve the many needs of veterans across the district. Chris brings a strong background of casework

experience, having dealt with his own veteran's benefits issues, and having worked as a caseworker for the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services.

Chris said that he feels Congressman Teague's special attention to New Mexico's Veterans as well as his seat on the House Veterans Affairs Committee will help him get even more accomplished. "As a veteran myself I know what it is like to deal with the VA bureaucracy and I am looking forward to working with Congressman Teague because I know that he is committed to helping New Mexico's veterans and together we can help more veterans across the district access their earned benefits and achieve their highest possible potential in returning to civilian life."



Major Nathan Howard joins Congressman Harry Teague's office as an Air Force Legislative Fellow, a program sponsored by Air University at Maxwell AFB, AL. Prior to coming to Washington, DC Major Howard's career began in the KC-135 and the C-17 where he served three operational tours and achieved the highest crew qualification as one of only seven Special Operations Air Refueling Evaluator Pilots in the Air Force. He has logged over 2,600 flying hours. Major Howard will be based out of the Washington, DC office and will advise Congressman Teague on legislation and policy matters related to U.S. military affairs.

"I have spent my career in service to our country. I am looking forward to continuing that service in Congressman Teague's office and to learning more about the legislative process and how I can best assist the servicemen and women and the military installations in New Mexico's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Congressional District," said Major Howard.
Both Fellows began their service in January and will serve in Congressman Teague's office for one year.
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